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During this period several Soviet merchant ships arrived and were provided pilots at once.

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2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] some pilings [redacted] were the remains of a pier on the river's north bank (see attached sketch).

4. Farther up the river the ice was being dynamited [redacted] The harbor and the entrance to the harbor were ice free.

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5. The controls were as usual, but [redacted] less severe.

6. The depth along the pier was 18 to 20 feet.

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7. In the naval harbor there were three submarines tied up side by side. The one on the outside [redacted] a former German fleet type submarine. It had no visible artillery. The other submarines were much smaller. [redacted] The conning towers were equipped with canvas spray guards.

8. Nine minesweepers were at anchor in the naval harbor.

[redacted] of the T-371 type. These vessels, in addition to one deck gun, had two smaller antiaircraft guns.

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9. In the naval harbor there are a number of slips. On some of the slips the
[redacted] MTB's of different types.

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10. [redacted] some
ships had been re-routed to Ventspils because of the ice in the Bays of
Finland and Riga.

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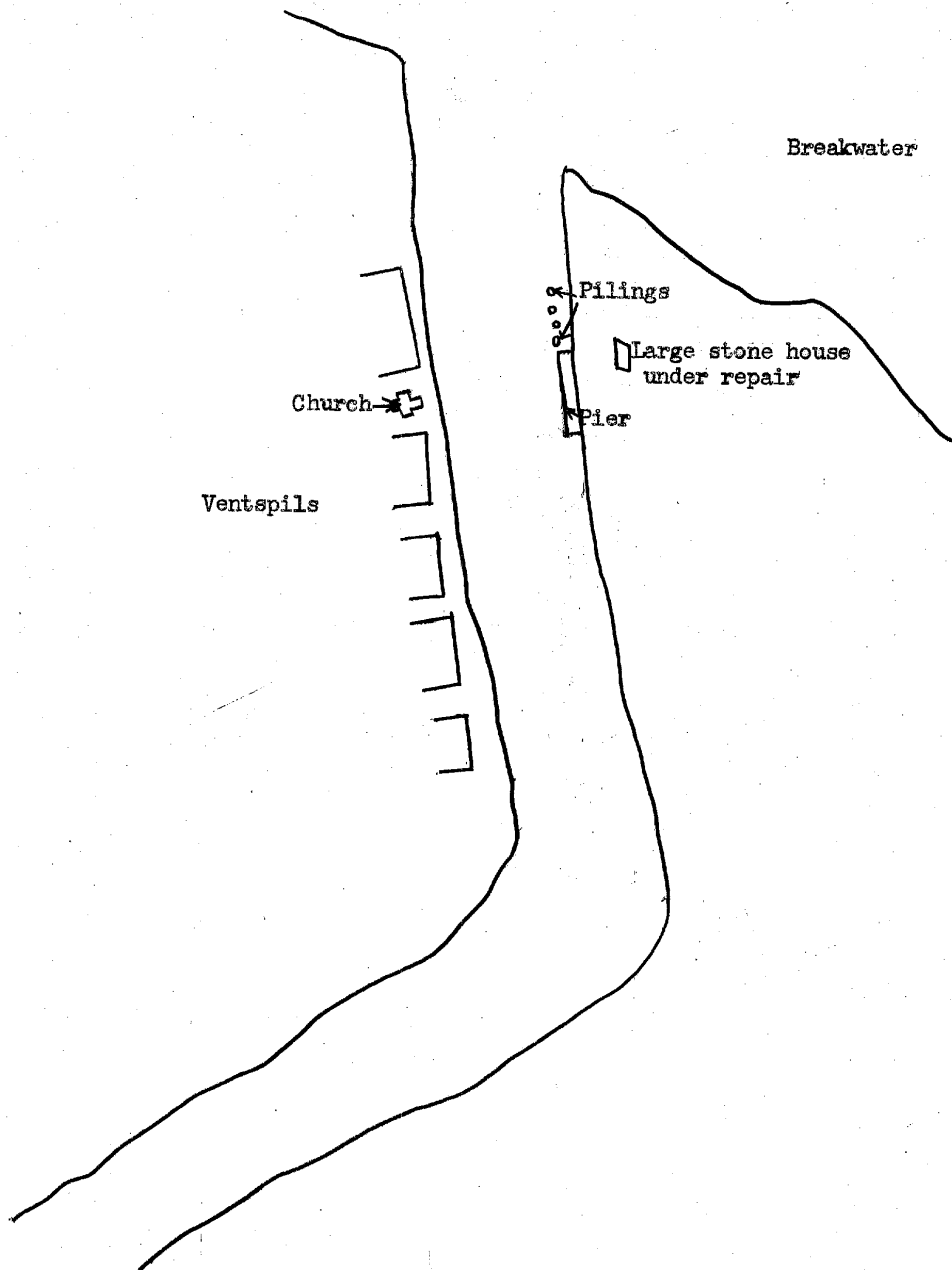
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Attachment

Sketch of Ventspils Harbor



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